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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: October 21, 2009
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., Room 233
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 3

Members Present: Rep. Vanessa Summers, Chairperson; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Connie Sipes; Rebecca Bickel; Cinda Kelley; Tracie Wells; James L. Greeson; Josh Richardson for Teresa Voors; Andrea Wilkes for Judith A. Monroe; Melanie Brizzi for Cathy Boggs.

Members Absent: Rep. Cindy Noe; Tony Bennett; Mitch Roob.

Rep. Summers called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked the members to introduce themselves.

Preliminary Draft (PD) 3113 and PD 3175

Rep. Summers asked Ms. Naughton to explain PD 3113² (a preliminary draft of proposed legislation concerning a child care ministry advisory committee and specifying

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² Attachment 1.

requirements for child care ministry registration). Following the explanation, Ms. Naughton also explained PD 3175³, noting that PD 3175 contains the substantive provisions of PD 3113 as well as two additional provisions concerning child care ministry violations and reporting. There was general discussion among the members and it was agreed that the Committee would consider only PD 3175.

Ms. Bickel suggested that a transitional provision that had been included in PD 3113, allowing child care ministries additional time to comply with the requirements contained in PD 3175, would be beneficial. Following discussion among the members, the Committee agreed to insert a transitional provision in PD 3175. By unanimous voice vote with one abstention, the Committee approved PD 3175, as amended, for introduction during the 2010 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

PD 3191

Rep. Summers asked Ms. Naughton to explain PD 3191⁴ (a preliminary draft of proposed legislation specifying caregiver and staffing requirements for: (1) licensed and registered child care providers; and (2) all child care providers eligible for participation in the federal Child Care and Development Fund program). Following the explanation, the members discussed issues with respect to the: (1) differences between the criminal background provisions specified for child care ministries and those in current law for licensed child care providers; (2) actual impact of fire marshal inspections according to "actual use" of a building, as specified in PD 3191, as opposed to inspections performed according to the "primary use" under current law; and (3) educational and certification requirements that would apply to unlicensed child care provider employees and volunteers under PD 3191.

After extensive discussion among the members, Rep. Summers tabled PD 3191, noting that further work would be needed to more precisely define the intent of PD 3191 and address the intent in a new draft of legislation before the 2010 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Final Report

Sen. Sipes suggested that in light of the Committee's discussions throughout the Interim regarding the differences in regulatory requirements that apply to different types of child care providers, the Committee should consider a final report recommendation that the Committee limit its 2010 interim study to this issue. Following discussion among Sen. Lawson, Sen. Sipes, and Rep. Summers, the members agreed to include a recommendation that the Committee focus its work on a study of the issue during the 2010 interim, along with consideration of any other pressing issues that arise during the next 12 months.

Rep. Summers requested that Ms. Naughton summarize the draft final report⁵. Following the summary, the members agreed to specify findings and recommendations according to the subject matter studied by the Committee during the 2009 interim. Rep. Summers led a

³Attachment 2.

⁴Attachment 3.

⁵Attachment 4.

discussion to develop the findings and recommendations. Ms. Naughton provided a summary of the Committee's agreed findings and recommendations to be included in the final report.

Rep. Summers requested consent of the members to adoption of the final report, including the summarized findings and recommendations to be drafted by Ms. Naughton. The members consented to adoption of the final report with no objections.

With no further business to discuss, Rep. Summers adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.